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SUBJECT: ANNUAL LISTING OF HOLIDAYS

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1. AS REQUESTED REPAIR, LIST OF NATIONAL HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN NEPAL IN CY 1974 FOLLOWS. SATURDAYS ARE REGULAR WEEKLY HOLIDAYS IN NEPAL.

2. FULL HOLIDAYS - PRITHVI JAYANTI (JANUARY 11), BASANT PANCHAMI (JANUARY 28), TRIBHUVAN JAYANTI AND DEMOCRACY DAY (FEBRUARY 18), SHIVARATRI (FEBRUARY 20), FAGU-HOLI (MARCH 8), CHAITRA ASHTAMI (MARCH 31), RAM NAWAMI (APRIL 1), NEW YEAR'S DAY (APRIL 14), BUDDHA JAYANTI (MAY 6), GHATASTHAPANA (OCTOBER 16), DASHAIN (OCTOBER 22-31), MAHENDRA JAYANTI AND CONSTITUTION DAY (DECEMBER 16, AND KING BIRENDRA'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 29).

3. HALF-HOLIDAY - MARTYRS' DAY (JANUARY 29).

4. HALF HOLIDAYS FOR KATHMANDU VALLEY ONLY - GAI JATRA W(AUGUST 4) AND INDRA JATRA (SEPTEMBER 30).

5. HOLIDAYS FOR WOMEN ONLY - TIJ (SEPTEMBER 18) AND QUEEN AISHWARYA'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

6. MOST HOLIDAYS IN NEPAL DETERMINED ON BASIS OF LUNAR
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CALENDAR AND THUS SUBJECT TO VARIATION. THEREFORE, MOST

HOLIDAYS IN NEPAL ARE MOVABLE.

7. ALL DATES AFTER APRIL 14, 1974, THE NEPALESE NEW YEAR'S DAY, SHOULD BE REGARDED AS TENTATIVE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS GON PUBLISHES OFFICIAL LIST OF HOLIDAYS IN EARLY APRIL 1974. LOCAL PRESS HAS ALSO SPECULATED THAT THE NEPALESE GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING REDUCING NUMBER OF NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN ITS NEXT OFFICIAL LIST.
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